Westfield City Council June 25, 2012

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday June 25, 2012 at the Westfield city Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Teresa Skelton, Mayor Andy Cook and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault, LLC.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. before turning the meeting over to President Bob Horkay.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Hoover moved to approve the June 11, 2012 City Council meeting minutes as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Claims:

Jim Ake moved to approve the claims as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 12-16: Bond Ordinance Amending and Restating Ordinance 11-23 – Union Street Flats
Council Introduction – June 11, 2012
Second reading – June 25, 2012
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012

Attorney Jim Crawford with Krieg DeVault, LLC. described the Bond Ordinance 12-16. Rob Stokes moved to approve Ordinance 12-16 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 12-17: Additional Appropriation – General
Council Introduction – June 11, 2012
Second Reading – June 25, 2012
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012

City Attorney Brian Zaiger described the Ordinance. CPA Jim Treat with Krohn and Associates explained the intent and how the funds will be allocated. Cindy Spoljaric had concerns that all departments were benefiting by this Ordinance and not sharing in the cost. Mayor Cook described the DLGF cuts in regard to Cumulative Capitol Development Fund and how those funds were allocated.

Jim Ake moved to approve Ordinance 12-17 as presented. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 12-18: Home Rule Ordinance
Council Introduction – June 11, 2012
Second Reading – June 25, 2012
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012

Brian Zaiger presented Ordinance 12-18 with a brief explanation. This would be procedural to allow for one process to be used for a potential sale of a Water and Wastewater Utility.

Steve Hoover moved to approve Ordinance 12-18 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

New Business:
Ordinance 12-21: Bond & Bond of Anticipation Notes Ordinance (COIT)
Council Introduction – June 25, 2012
Second Reading – July 9, 2012
Adoption Consideration – July 9, 2012

Jim Crawford presented Ordinance 12-21 to the Council for consideration. He described the bond proceeds.

Cindy Spoljaric had submitted some questions prior to this meeting. These will be addressed before next month's consideration.

Ordinance 12-22: Authorizing Additional Appropriation for Bonds & Bond Anticipation Notes:

Jim Crawford introduced Ordinance 12-22 to the Council. He explained that this is for the proceeds of the bond.

Cindy Spoljaric questioned the urgency of having the Public Hearing and consideration on the same date.

It would require a second meeting in July as August would be too late.

Steve Hoover would like to see what comes out of the Public Hearing and then the Council can decide to consider at that time or wait and have a second meeting in July for consideration.

Resolution 12-106: Amendment to Policies & Procedures Manual – Anti-Nepotism Policy:
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012

Brian Zaiger explained that this is mandated by the State. Cindy Spoljaric moved to adopt Resolution 12-106 as presented. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 12-19: Amendment to Façade Improvement Grant Ordinance:

Director of Community/Economic Development Matt Skelton recognized Anne Poynter representing Downtown Westfield Neighborhood Association (DWNA) and Curt Whitesell with WKRP Real Estate. They have been actively working together to get tenants through incentives in our vacant City owned buildings in downtown Westfield. The money from the Façade Improvement has already been made to some existing businesses. The Council would like to see the potential new tenants to complement our existing downtown businesses and the incentives not to be in competition. Ms. Poynter would like to encourage improvements to these building by offering a reduced fee for rental. There was some discussion on the matching funds and how that would work being Government owned buildings. Mr. Skelton explained the wording and the eligibility of the buildings. This would be attached to people not buildings.

Ordinance 12-20: Amendment to Tall Weeds Ordinance:
Council Introduction – June 25, 2012
Second Reading – July 9, 2012
Adoption Consideration – July 9, 2012

Matt Skelton introduced Ordinance 12-20 to the Council. He gave a brief explanation on the existing Ordinance and the proposed amendment in regard to natural habitat. He also described the proposed changes.

Although no public hearing was required President Horkay recognized a resident wishing to address the Council. Gloria Cassidy residing at 14626 Beacon Blvd said that she was affected by this proposed Ordinance.

The Council will consider this Ordinance July 9, 2012.

Resolution 12-107: Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau Grant:
Adoption Consideration – June 25, 2012

Matt Skelton presented this Resolution to the Council for consideration. After a brief explanation Jim Ake moved to authorize the Mayor to finalize this Resolution 12-107 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

- Steve Hoover updated the Council on Fireworks and when they could be deployed.
- Cindy Spoljaric announced that the "Plant a Row" project needs volunteers

John Dippel moved to adjourn and this was seconded by Jim Ake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

President